

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3B and Fig. 3C. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3B and Fig. 3C, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3A, Fig. 3B, and Fig. 3C. In Fig. 3B, reference number **102** has been added to designate the seabed. In Fig. 3C, a dashed lined designated by reference number **102** has been added to show the seabed.

Attachments:

Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the paragraphs [0017] and [0019] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

In amended Fig. 3B and Fig. 3C, the seabed is designated by reference number **102**.

Claims 1-5 remain in this application. Claim 6 has been canceled.

The Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 1 and 2 are directed to allowable subject matter. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, were traversed. Specifically, the Examiner has not found an antecedent basis in the specification for line 7 of Claim 3. Attention is directed to paragraph [0019] of the specification wherein it is indicated that the buoyancy system **40**, including tank **40** and column **62**, may be flooded to rest on the seabed. Accordingly, an antecedent basis for line 7 of Claim 3 has been provided.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 6 would be allowable if it were amended to include all the limitations of the base claim. In response, Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations found in Claim 6.

No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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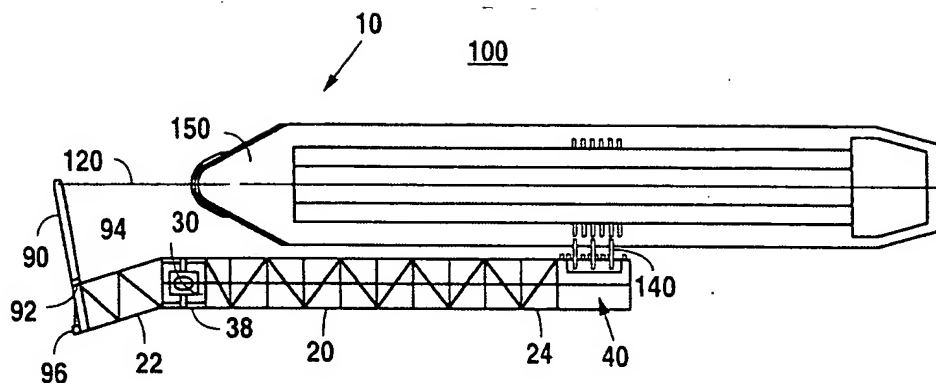


Fig. 3A

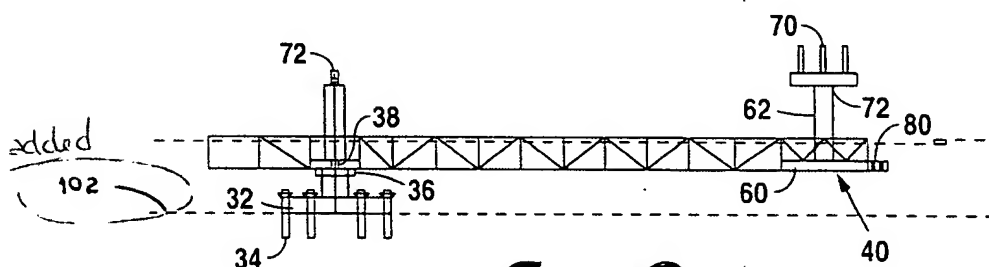


Fig. 3B

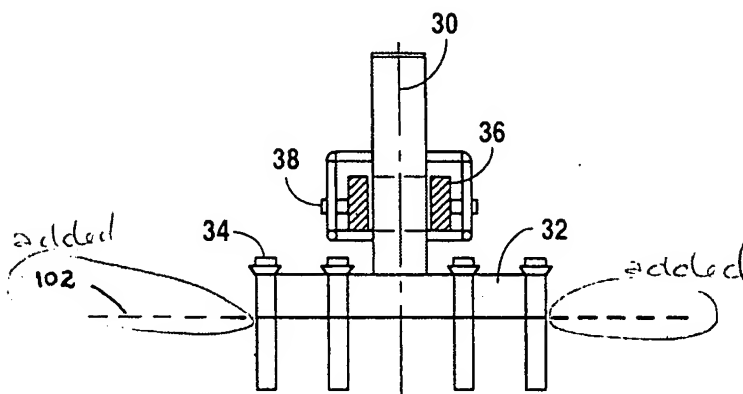


Fig. 3C